

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/091,213

Examiner

James R Scott

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 10/31/2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are claims 1,7,12,15 and 19-22.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☒ to Paper No. 4.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the margin according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____ |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No. _____ | 7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has not been amended by the Examiner.

DRAWINGS

The following changes to the drawings must be made: Note the original copy of the Draftspersons criticism of the drawings labeled as an attachment to the prior Office Action Paper No. 4 (mail date: 9/02/2003). A Xeroxed copy of the above mentioned drawing requirement –PTO-948—is included with this action. The required corrections in either instance are the same.

In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above-mentioned corrections.

Cited Reference

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Beck teaches the use of two switches connected in parallel with respect to an ignition circuit. The ignition switches 43,43' or switch I and switch II are schematically illustrated in figures 12-15 and are best illustrated as structure in figures 18 noting the left to right or right to left relationship of the switches with respect to one another and the common mounting; namely, printed circuit board or panel 31. Note also col.2, lines 5-26; col. 5, line 34 to col. 9, line 33. It should be noted that the printed

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circuit board or panel 31 has an aperture coincident with the aperture 18 for receiving the right side portion 12 of the handle bar unit 11. One of the ignition switches is located to the right of the non-numbered aperture and the other ignition switch unit is mounted to the left side of the non-numbered panel aperture.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The structural distinctions between applicants allowed claims and Beck is simply the fact that the prior art does not teach the use of left-handed and right-handed ignition switches mounted on a dashboard and connected in parallel. Note applicant's claims 19-22 and figure 2. The similarities in Beck's switch arrangement differ drastically from the switch arrangement taught to be novel by applicant. Beck's switch structure has a common printed circuit board and the switches are closely spaced. In contrast, the applicant's switches have a common dashboard supporting structure. The applicants switches are spaced apart such a distance that only one of the switches is operable by a left hand while the other switch is operable by the right hand.

Claims 1,7,12 and 15 are allowed noting applicant's remarks in her response of 10/31/2003.

. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

SUMMARY

Claims 1,7,12,15,19-22 are allowed. Claims 2-6,8-11,13,14,16-18 have been cancelled.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James R Scott whose telephone number is 703-308-2013 prior to 2/03/2004 and can be reached at **(571) 272-1999 after 2/03/2004**.

The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 1 to 5.

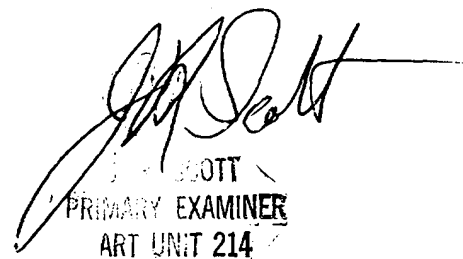
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Elvin Enad, can be reached on **(703) 308-7619** prior to 2/03/2004 and can be reached at **(571) 272-1990 after 2/03/2004**.

Effective immediately, all patent application related correspondence transmitted by FAX to the USPTO must be directed to the central FAX number (703-872-9306).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1782

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